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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Hugh McCulloch, born December 7, 1808 in Kennebunk, Maine, studied law in Boston, Massachusetts before moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana where he pursued a brief career as a lawyer before going into banking. In 1857, he became president of the Bank of Indiana, holding the position until 1863. McCulloch lobbied against the National Banking Acts of 1863 and 1864, but accepted the post of first Comptroller of the Currency, overseeing the system of nationally chartered banks created under the new laws. Succeeding William P. Fessenden, he was appointed to the position of U.S. Secretary of the Treasury on March 7, 1865. McCulloch served two non-consecutive terms as Secretary of the Treasury, under Presidents Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson (1865-1869), and briefly under Chester Arthur from October, 1885 to March, 1885. During his terms in office, he fought to return the United States to the gold standard and to reduce the federal debt following the end of the Civil War. McCulloch died May 24, 1895 at Holly Hill, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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Museum of American Finance. "Hugh McCulloch." Accessed August 12, 2014. http://www.moaf.org/exhibits/checks_balances/abraham-lincoln/mcculloch.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes three letters from U.S Secretary of the Treasury Hugh McCulloch in Washington, D.C. ranging from 1865 to 1867, responding to different inquiries into treasury affairs. The first letter, written to the Honorable William P. Fessenden on May 13, 1865, concerns the appointment of the revenue collector at Eastport, Maine, the duties of custom-house officers, and the performance of a Lieutenant Hall. The second letter, sent to James Deshon, a merchant in Boston, Massachusetts, on June 19, 1865, concerns an appeal of the amount of tax on a cargo of palm oil. The third letter, written to Dr. D.W. Bliss of Washington, D.C. on April 13, 1867, requests the recipient's opinion of the architect's plans for the U.S. Marine Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, based on his expertise in hospital management.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

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